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WHERE THE CONVENTION MISSED ITS CHANCE.

Since the hurly-burly attending the Republican county convention has subsided and it has been possible to scan the ticket which was formulated by the delegates there is rapidly crystallizing an opinion that the convention missed its opportunity and succumbed to the man with a pull. Incidentally the convention also missed its chance to show its independence and take a stand for the most experienced men and those who have "made good" in office by not nominating William Jarrett for sheriff and Rose for his deputy, and thus taking the wind out of the Democratic sails. Both are good men.

As to the ticket itself there are such elements of weakness that it hurts the ticket as a whole, and the fact that there was so much of political chicanery from start to finish, especially in regard to the proposed nominations from the first precinct, that the ordinary citizen voter is apt to choke before swallowing the straight ticket. On the other hand there are a number of excellent nominations, those men who would be a tower of strength on any ticket. Colonel Parker is a strong candidate for mayor, so is George Smithies for treasurer, and E. H. Paris for supervisor is the strongest of all the candidates for this position, if his record as a straightforward business man is counted.

And now there is a complication in the political situation, for Charles Hustace Jr., yesterday announced his candidacy for the mayoralty as an independent. It is this element which will undoubtedly make the road of Colonel Parker a hard one, for Mr. Hustace has many backers and in the fourth district has a considerable following, politically as well as socially, and his appearance in the political ring makes for the success of J. J. Fern. Anyway it will be an interesting fight until the very last ballot is cast.

WHERE ARE WE AT, POLITICALLY?

"Where are we at?"

This is a question which is being asked by many politicians in this progressive city of ours and by still more voters. It looks as though the city and county was being split wide open politically and all trace of party lines lost sight of. That there is a great deal of dissatisfaction manifested at the ticket as nominated by the Republican county convention is a fact that can not be ignored, and should not. The day is past when the voters of a municipality can be expected to vote a strict party ticket along national party lines. All over the country it is becoming recognized that municipal affairs are not to be confused with the great principles which underlie the existence of the great national parties.

It is now up to the self-styled Committee of Fifty to come out into the open and make their announcements of candidates who have accepted nominations and also set forth their platform.

Meanwhile the question is still being asked: "Where are we at, politically?"

THE EXAGGERATION OF REFORM.

Whenever there is a reform movement under way, either in a municipality or nation wide, our faults, methods, system and, in fact, almost everything connected with our political life and manner of living is more or less denounced by the reformers. It is always well to have someone occasionally tell us that we are not angels, otherwise we might become too proud with a penchant for larger sized headwear, but on the other hand the enthusiastic reformer is more than apt to go so far as to convince us that we are really not so bad as we are painted; consequently we tend to sit back and tell ourselves that all these reformers being liars in a more or less degree, they don't deserve any consideration at all and we relapse with an easy conscience into our former political and other-to-be-deplored habits.

Every few years there is a great reaction—politically—against Tammany Hall, in New York, and the good citizens appoint a committee of seventy, or some other number, and sweep the city clean, then go back to their homes feeling that the country is safe once more and forget all about it for as many years as it takes Tammany to recover from the shock and play the game openly again. Then the people are much surprised to find that all has to be done over again. That is something like the conditions which prevail in the Territory. Every once in awhile a great howl is made against the plantations; every once in awhile a terrific yell is let loose over our alleged political corruption, but really things are not so bad here as an ordinary observer would be inclined to hazard from what he hears.

Along this line it is interesting to hear from the other side of the country, on the Atlantic Coast, and the following extract from a letter written by an old Honolulu resident, now for many years domiciled in New York, will seem familiar:

"The country is in the midst of Reform, just now, and a stranger would think we were the worst villains in the world; but things go on about as usual. We are being overrun with about six thousand Goths and Vandals from the scum of Europe, every day; and to stand on lower Broadway and see this swarm of humanity, each carrying his bundle of evil smelling clothes and a fine sample of cutlery, makes one wonder if they can ever become Americans. I suppose you in the Islands pat yourselves on the back and glory in the fact that you are doing missionary work among the heathen; but any self-respecting kanaka would take to the woods if he had to associate with our heathen."

READING BETWEEN THE LINES.

A statement was issued yesterday by representatives of the first precinct of the fourth district, Kaimuki, in which the stand taken by the delegation in the Republican county convention is explained in full, or at least so fully that one can read between the lines and see where the business men of the city, who first started out to dominate the convention and endorsed certain candidates, had to make a deal with the political interests of certain precincts to save themselves from an ignominious defeat, apparently, at the hands of those very elements against which they took up the cudgels in the first place. To do this certain alleged liquor interests are asserted to have come out decisively against the nomination of Emil A. Berndt for supervisor, compelling his former friends to repudiate him at the crucial moment.

It is understood that since this action was taken by a certain element of the business men of this city some of the influential ones have declared to friends that they felt rather ashamed of themselves, but that it could not be helped. As it is, the business men appear to have surrendered their self-respect to the domination of the garbage manipulators and the brewery interests and to have permitted Kakaako to use them as catspaw to the wheedle the people of this city into electing certain men to office who would not be placed in any responsible position by the very interests who have foisted them upon the voters. These proposed officers will be called upon to handle nearly two million dollars of Territorial county funds during the next two years.

While the records of all the candidates have not been looked up it is asserted that one of them is at this time under the guardianship of High Sheriff William Henry as a spendthrift who is unable to care for his own property, consequently he must be an expert at caring for the people's money. Others are reported to have been under a cloud at some time or other with a police record and these are now being looked into and if authenticated will be published. Meanwhile nearly four hundred voters in Kaimuki are wondering why they were "punished."

EVERYBODY BOOST FOR EVERYBODY.

After mighty hard work by the promoters of the convention about half a hundred business men of Honolulu will start tomorrow for Hilo to attend the conference of the business organizations called by the board of trade of Hilo. This is a showing by the business element of the capital city of the Territory which should be greatly improved before the boat leaves her pier here. The action by the Hilo board of trade is one which should be commended by all; the energy shown by our sister city in this respect proves its progressiveness; the conference is one which should redound to the benefit, not only of Hilo, but of every business man on the Islands, and especially to those of Honolulu, the great distributing port of the Territory. It is up to the business men of this city to sacrifice, if need be, some of their time, even some of their possible profits, to attend this conference and get in line for a closer cooperation between the business interests of the Islands and to energetically boost for each other and general prosperity.

LIQUOR INTERESTS DOWNED
E. A. BERNDT FOR SUPERVISOR

Statement of Conditions
in Convention is
Made.

Induced to Run, Then
"Thrown Down" on
Raw Deal.

Owing to the misunderstanding which generally prevails regarding the stand taken by the delegates from the first precinct, constituting Kaimuki, in the Republican county convention and the loyalty with which they supported Emil A. Berndt as a candidate for supervisor, the chairman and leaders of the delegation yesterday issued a statement explaining why they could not in honor sacrifice Mr. Berndt at the dictation of the convention majority, although he was perfectly willing to withdraw his name at the last as a step toward party harmony.

E. A. Douthett was the chairman of the Kaimuki delegation and T. Church, with the chairman, formed the official steering committee of the precinct Republican club. According to the delegation, represented by its officers, the situation was as follows:

Months ago, when the movement for a business men's ticket was first broached, a number of business men, the majority of whom became later members of the steering committee of their various precincts, appealed to Mr. Berndt to stand as a candidate for the board of supervisors, asserting that he would have the support of the business interests of the country and that he was the kind of citizen timber which the people desired to have in the board for a business administration of the funds of the city and county.

At first Mr. Berndt refused to permit his name to be given. He stated that he was already giving his time to the work of the harbor commission as its secretary and his duties as the manager of Dimond & Company were such that he did not well see how he could give up more of his time to public service.

But the committee came to Mr. Berndt again when they were practically officials representing their precincts, and made a plea that for the good of the city he permit his name to go before the convention as a candidate for supervisor. He finally consented and was told to get his precinct solidly behind him and the convention would do the rest.

With his usual energy Mr. Berndt started in to clinch his precinct, and did so, with the help of his friends, by a vote, approximately, of two to one. Not only this, but the Democratic precinct club also endorsed him as a supervisor, subject to action by the convention, by a unanimous vote. This decidedly disposes of the excuse given by some of the convention delegates that Mr. Berndt is a weak man in his precinct. There is no one stronger as a candidate, say his supporters.

Meanwhile the steering committee of other precincts held joint meetings, and without in any way inviting the representatives of the first precinct to attend their caucuses took independent action, and at the last minute, namely Tuesday evening before the convention was held, informed the steering committee of the first precinct that Kaimuki would have to withdraw Berndt and failing to do so they would refuse to support Towse or Alfonso for the house. Naturally the committee wanted to know why. No satisfactory reason was given at the time and the committee absolutely refused, stating they would stand by Berndt and go down to defeat in the convention if need be.

Liquor Interests Dominate. Later it was discovered that the brewery interests in the two Democratic precincts of Kakaako, and the garbage bunch, declared that they would not stand for Berndt. In fact it is reported that Charles Bartlett, manager of the brewery, stated that he would not run on the same ticket with Berndt, and emphasized his demand that Berndt be "thrown down" with some exceedingly forceful language.

Thus it was that the business men who first induced Mr. Berndt to run as a candidate, against his wishes, later were bluffed by the liquor interests into making the deal with the very men they in the first place started out to fight in the interests of clean government, and broke their pledges to Mr. Berndt in favor of a raw political deal to "save their face" and power in the convention, which was threatened by the delegates from the two Democratic precincts, assisted by three Republican delegations which were in on the deal, and in close touch with every move since Mr. Berndt consented to run for supervisor. What the final developments may be are still uncertain, but Mr. Berndt asserted positively yesterday, that although others may break their pledges, he will abide by his as a delegate to the county convention, and will absolutely refuse to permit his name appearing on the so-called citizen's ticket as a candidate.

MUSCULAR RHEUMATISM.

Stiff neck, lame back, lumbago, pains in the side and chest, all indicate muscular rheumatism. There is no more satisfactory remedy for trouble of this kind than a free application of Chamberlain's Pain Balm, massaged well into the skin. Many severe cases that have defied all other treatment have yielded to the soothing effect of this liniment. For sale by all dealers, Benson, Smith & Co., Ltd., agents for Hawaii.

ARMY OFFICERS
WHO WILL COME
FOR MANEUVERS

(By Federal Wireless Telegraph.)

SAN FRANCISCO, September 23.—(Special to The Advertiser)—A detail of officers from the Presidio will leave for Honolulu on November 5, where they will serve as umpires in the combined army and militia maneuvers of the Department of Hawaii.

They are: Maj. R. H. Noble, Twelfth Infantry; Captain Morton H. Smith, Twentieth Infantry; Captain H. J. Brees, Cavalry; Lieutenant Maxwell Murray, Coast Artillery Corps, and Captain Douglas McCaskey, First Cavalry.

Major Julius A. Penn, First Infantry, which is stationed in Schofield Barracks, Honolulu, arrived in San Francisco today, en route to the station of his regiment.

RICH MEN INDICTED
IN DYNAMITE CASE

(By Federal Wireless Telegraph.)

BOSTON, Massachusetts, September 23.—(Special to The Advertiser)—The fourth arrest following the alleged dynamite planting by the textile interests in the recent Lawrence strike has been made with the taking into custody of William H. Rice, a wealthy quarry owner of East Milton. Rice was arrested on an indictment charging him with illegal transportation of dynamite.

The same grand jury has issued indictments, for implication in the same plot, against William M. Wood, president of the American Woolen Company; Frederick E. Atteaus, president of a large mill supply concern, and Dennis J. Collins, a Cambridge dog fancier.

FEW MONTHS' BRIDE
COMMITTS SUICIDE

(By Federal Wireless Telegraph.)

CHICAGO, September 23.—(Special to The Advertiser)—Mrs. Gertrude Johnson, aged twenty years, a bride of six months, committed suicide by inhaling illuminating gas in her home, 1712 Burling street, when her husband failed to return home.

"I stayed out until three o'clock Sunday morning and my wife was so depressed that she killed herself," said William Johnson, the husband, when informed by the police of what had occurred.

STOLEN FORTUNE
PARTLY RECOVERED

PENSACOLA, Florida, September 23.

(By Associated Press Cable)—The sum of \$55,000, forming part of the currency amounting to \$77,000 supposed to have been stolen from an express car in transit, has been found in the rear of a bank here. It is believed that the thief returned it.

PEACE CONGRESS OPENS.

GENEVA, Switzerland, September 23.

(By Associated Press Cable)—The ninth International Peace Congress opened here today.

DOCTOR PRATT IS THERE.

WASHINGTON, September 23.—(By Associated Press Cable)—President

Taft this morning opened the international congress on hygiene. There were 3000 delegates present.

HIST! READ THIS—
28-INNING GAME

ROXBURY, Massachusetts, September 19.—Baseball fans here have temporarily forgotten all about the big league pennant fight, and are devoting their time to discussing the twenty-eight-inning game here yesterday between the St. Philip Athletic Club team and the St. Philip's church nine. The game occupied four hours and a half. There were few hits, and up to the twenty-sixth inning the score was 2 to 2. In that inning each team scored a run. The twenty-seventh inning saw no change, but in the twenty-eighth the Willows won by making two runs on a long hit to midfield.

DOCTOR ASKS UNUSUAL FEE.

LONDON, September 7.—Maisonier, the famous painter, was asked recently for an unusual fee by a doctor.

The painter sent hurriedly for the doctor, who was greatly annoyed on his arrival to find that his patient was not Maisonier nor a member of the family, but a pet dog. But he swallowed the slight and bided his time until the question of fee arose. Then he quietly deprecated any suggestion of taking the artist's money.

"No," he said, "my garden gate wants painting; come and do that."

Excelsior Lodge T. O. O. F. meets this evening at half-past seven o'clock.

INVESTIGATION OF
CONTRIBUTIONS

Great Financiers Will Testify Before
Committee About
Campaign Funds.

By Ernest G. Walker.

(Mail Special to The Advertiser.)

WASHINGTON, September 8.—Developments are constantly pointing to the importance of New York and of New York people, as the campaign progresses. There is the matter of investigating campaign expenditures, for instance. Most of the magnates of the metropolis, who have had anything to do with campaigns and campaign contributions, are to be invited or summoned to Washington for late September when Senator Clapp's committee begins anew its hearings. Colonel Roosevelt is expected to be present.

Smart lawyers are already at work gathering data upon which to cross-examine him. Lists of witnesses are being carefully prepared, on one side with a view to supporting the Colonel's contention that he would not accept the contributions of the big trusts in the 1904 campaign, and that there was nothing reprehensible in his campaign contributions for the nomination last June. On the other side there are activities to bring prominent men who will confound the Colonel's contentions.

It is now proposed that J. Pierpont Morgan will be one of the witnesses before the committee. He is only one of many great financiers who will be brought from the Wall street section to help throw some light upon these controverted topics. A son of the late Cornelius N. Bliss, who was the treasurer of the Republican national committee in 1904, is another of the witnesses from whom much is expected. There are rumors that, as executor of his father's estate, Mr. Bliss has a statement in the elder's own handwriting, which bears upon this question of whether the big trusts, good and bad, were coerced by Roosevelt into contributing to his 1904 campaign.

If such a statement is in existence, as it probably is, the publication thereof will be a real sensation. Mr. Bliss would not have written it unless there was something important to be said. The explanation is that he anticipated a great public upheaval at some date over the matter of campaign contributions. That he was an upright man whose word could be depended upon absolutely is generally accepted. The business world had great confidence in Cornelius Bliss. Colonel Roosevelt in a recent statement declared that Mr. Bliss was a man of the highest probity.

Standard Oil to the Fore.

John D. Archbold of the Standard Oil Company, who has already testified, will be back from Europe in time to testify again and will be summoned by the committee for a cross-examination on matters that have developed since he testified. William Rockefeller, one of the Standard Oil directors who had cognizance of the great contribution to the 1904 campaign, is also to be heard.

Senator Penrose is saying nothing just now, but is known to be making ready for the hearing, which is of moment to him and his political future, because of Progressive charges that he improperly received \$25,000 from the Standard Oil Company for the 1904 state campaign in Pennsylvania. William R. Hearst, who claims to have additional knowledge about campaign contributions for the last ten years, is likely to have an opportunity to testify before the senate committee.

All in all the sessions of this committee in Washington, now hardly two weeks away, promise to arouse the country. Much gossip and many rumors as to what was what in that 1904 campaign and in subsequent campaigns will be found groundless but there are large possibilities. It may easily happen that this investigation will become of commanding interest and overshadow campaign activities in the States.

Senator Clapp, as chairman of the investigating committee and ardent champion of Roosevelt, appeared reluctant to approach the great task. He has conferred with Roosevelt latterly, however, returned to Washington and announced that the investigation is to be wide open and thorough. He wants to get at all the truth and is himself proposing that all the big names, associated with popular comment about campaign contributions, be put down upon the witness list. The coming of such men, if they do come, will alone make the investigation conspicuous.

Fullest Investigation.

The administration is encouraging the fullest investigation. President Taft has nothing to lose by it. Colonel Roosevelt is about the only man who can be materially injured by the disclosures. For the moment he is making something of a virtue of the Penrose disclosures. Emphasizing his denial of knowledge, any Standard Oil contributions were used in his campaign, the Colonel proclaims the disclosures as evidence of the iniquity of the Republican party.

which he is now trying to relegate to the background.

President Taft has inside knowledge about some matters affecting the 1904 campaign. It is regarded as significant that some of his closest political friends are aggressively for the investigation. Presumably Secretary of State Knox will be one of the witnesses before the senate committee. He knows something about letters by Colonel Roosevelt, as President, regarding the Standard Oil contribution.

Outside of this committee hearing, Washington has little to look forward to in the way of proceedings which will attract general attention.

All members of the cabinet are either out of town or coming here for only a day or two at a time. The President has just been in Washington for twenty-four hours to receive the chemists from all nations of the world, who were about to assemble for an international congress. A great deal of government work is being attended to, but most of it is of routine character and will continue to be till after officials return here to resume their duties for the winter.

SUGGESTION MADE
FOR WELCOMING DUKE

Champion Swimmer Will Arrive
Here Next Monday—Many
to Greet Him.

Duke Kahanamoku will return to Honolulu on the Wilhelmina, arriving October 1. This information was sent Lew G. Henderson, Duke's former manager, by cable and it is now up to the friends of the Hawaiian champion to get busy and arrange a fitting reception for him.

Hawaii owes much to Duke Kahanamoku for the manner in which the world's swimming champion upheld the honor of Hawaii and gave the islands some of the most desirable publicity they have ever received.

From letters and clippings received here, the Duke, as he is familiarly called in Europe and on the mainland, has become a popular idol. At Atlantic City the crowds hung thick about him every time he showed himself and the same thing happened at the other fashionable summer resorts that the boy visited.

With all the notoriety afforded him, Duke has had all the reason in the world to feel his oats, as it were, but the favorite of the European crowned heads has not been affected by his successes and is no more inflated today than he was the day before he established his first record in Hawaii.

It has been suggested that the Hui Nalu and Outrigger clubs bring as many of their available craft as possible into the harbor and that on the morning of Duke's arrival a big turnout meet the Wilhelmina at quarantine. Besides the canoes and rowboats there are a number of power craft that can turn out and if this could be done it would tend to give Duke an impression that Hawaii is glad to have him return.

HAS DOUBLE OFFER
FOR STREET PAVING

Supervisors to Decide Between
Ohia Block Road and
Bitulithic.

The offer of the bitulithic company to lay a bitulithic pavement from the Ewa end of the Queen street bridge around the turn and down the road to a point opposite the Ewa end of the Hackfeld wharf, caused the Hawaiian Development Company to make a counter offer of \$3 a square yard for laying a concrete base with ohia block surface on a basis of 2110 square yards.

A letter to this effect was read at the meeting of the board of supervisors yesterday noon. The company, through its manager, Samuel Johnson, stated that the blocks were already on hand and if given a chance to demonstrate the worth of ohia blocks as a street paving material, they would ship the blocks here in order to give them a further seasoning.

The manager in his letter stated that the street in question, if laid with ohia blocks, would be excellent for a test of wood blocks for paving. The letter was referred to the ways and means committee.

The bitulithic company's offer was made on the ground that if the bitulithic pavement was carried around to the Hackfeld wharf, the Oahu Railroad company would probably give a contract for laying bitulithic on the remainder of the road as far as the railroad wharf shed No. 1.

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